श्रीमती जमना देवी बारुपाल: सर, आज देश की बढ़ती हुई आबादी को देखकर जो इंटरव्यू देने जाते हैं आई.ए.एस. का, आई.पी.एस. का, कलेक्टर का, जो भी, तो उस वक्त उनको यह हक देना चाहिए और उनको यह मौका देना चाहिए उन लोगों के साथ में, कि वे अच्छी तरह से अपना साक्षात्कार दे सकें। *मैं बस इतना ही कहना चाहती थी। आपने मुझे बोलने का मौका दिया, धन्यवाद।...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति: श्री दत्ता मेघे।

श्री दत्ता मेघे: सभापति महोदय, मेरा क्वैश्चन इतना ही है कि जो लोग घर में बीड़ी बनाते हैं, वे ज्यादा लोग हैं। ये बीड़ी वाले सबसे ज्यादा इन्कम टैक्स देते हैं, लेकिन घर में बनाकर। आपके जो रूल्स हैं, घर में जो बीड़ी बनाते हैं उनके लिए, क्या आप इन्हें कड़ाई से लागू करेंगे?

श्री के॰ चन्द्रशेखर राव: सभापति जी, ऐसा है कि पहले तो एक ही जगह ये लोग फैक्टरी में बीड़ी बनाते थे, फिर धीरे-धीरे अपने घर में भी बनाना शुरू कर दिया। I assure the Hon'ble member, घर में भी जो बीड़ी बनाते हैं, उनको भी मिनिमम वेज उपलब्ध कराने के लिए सरकार कड़े कदम उठाएगी।

श्री सभापति: माननीय मंत्री महोदय, यह ध्यान रखिए कि समस्या बहुत बड़ी है। बीड़ी जगह-जगह बनती है, मजदूरों को भी राहत मिलनी चाहिए, जो नहीं मिलती है। इसके ऊपर आप थोड़ा विचार करें। Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Opening of Post Office in Sant Nagar, Delhi

*582. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that residents of Sant Nagar, Delhi-84, which is a densely populated colony, are demanding since long opening of a Departmental sub Post Office;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking steps to open a Departmental sub Post Office to cater to the needs of the people of said area; and

(c) by when the demand would be met?

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*Not recorded.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) to (c) There have been two requests for opening post offices in Sant Nagar, Delhi-84. The proposals for opening post offices at Baba Colony, B-Block, Sant Nagar, Burari and Batra Gali, Sant Nagar, Burari, were examined during 2002 and 2005 respectively. Both proposals were not found to be justified, as per distance and income norms.

Both the proposals were found to incur a likely annual loss exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs/annum while the income norms for urban areas requires them to be financially self-sufficient at the time of their opening. Similarly, the distance from the proposed post offices to Burari SO was found to be less than 1.5 Km. which is the prescribed distance norm for opening new post offices in urban areas.

Basic infrastructure in Core Sector

†*585. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sectors considered to be backbone of our economy are lacking in basic infrastructure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that its main reason is the non-formulation of long-term policy with regard to construction of basic infrastructure;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the position of the country in comparison to China with regard to development of basic infrastructure of international standard in the above sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Various development initiatives have been launched and intensified to bridge critical gaps in infrastructure from time to time. Planned interventions have been carried out in various sectors like, highways, railways, roads, ports, airports, telecommunications etc. Focussed efforts are being made through :—

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.